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SUBJECT: JAPAN PARTICIPANTS IN SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE

--- FESTIVALS

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1. PROBLEM OF VISA CATEGORY APPARENTLY SAME AS LAST YEAR.
FOLKLIFE GROUP NOT COMING ON H-VISA BUT MOST LIKELY ON B-2.
ACCORDING SMITHSONIAN COORDINATOR, VISA PROCESS BEING
DELAYED BECAUSE OF INTERNAL QUESTIONING AT INS DUE FACT THAT
AT LAST YEAR'S FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, AN UNSPECIFIED PARTICI-
PATING FOREIGN GROUP SOLD SOME OF ITS CRAFTS IN THE
MALL.

2. SMITHSONIAN COORDINATOR HAS WRITTEN LETTER ASSURING
INS THAT THIS WILL NOT OCCUR WITH JAPANESE GROUP AND
INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT PROBLEM SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN
FEW DAYS. KISSINGER

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